



**Parks and Recreation Department Board
Minutes**

**December 11, 2001
Meeting**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Board was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2001 in the Board Room of the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office located at 200 South Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas.

Board Members Present: Rosemary Castleberry, Jeff Francell, Pablo Valdez, Rhonda Pratt, Mary Ruth Holder, Clint Small and Jeb Boyt

Board Members Absent: Amy Babich

City Staff Present: Jesus M. Olivares, Kimberley Jamail-Mitchell, Stuart Strong, Randy Scott and Dina Haines

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair.

- B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** November 13, 2001 meeting. **Board Member Francell** made the motion to approve the minutes as written. **Board Member Pratt** seconded the motion. **The Board was in favor 5-1-0.** (Board Member Boyt abstained because he was not present at the November 13 meeting. Board Member Valdez arrived after the vote was taken.)

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Eric Anderson spoke to the board in support of creating bikeway connections from both the Pfluger and Drake bridges to Bouldin Avenue and from Dawson Road to the Lance Armstrong Bikeway.

D. PRESENTATIONS

Town Lake Park

Earl Broussard, President, TBG Partners gave a presentation to the board on the development of the Phase II of the Town Lake Park master plan. Mr. Broussard distributed an architectural drawing of up coming features considered for the Town Lake Park. Noted features are an Observation Point, a Children's Garden with water interactive water fountain, a Maze, a Great Meadow and two amphitheaters along with a Community Events Center. New changes to the master plan include more

parking spaces for the Dougherty Arts Center and parking at the northwest corner of the park off of Riverside. He informed the Board that a 6 inch waste water line has been discovered which goes through the site and also discussed the possible closure or narrowing of Riverside Drive.

Austin Association of Sculptors – Norwood House Proposal

Rey Alaniz, President, Austin Association of Sculptors gave a presentation to the Board, along with **Richard Lawrence, John Patterson, Ruth Parcal** and **Mark Brooks**. Their proposal is to relocate the Austin Sculpture Center classroom facility from its current location at the Elizabet Ney museum lodge to the Norwood Estates site at IH-35 and Riverside Drive. The AAS proposal would create a studio and several classroom spaces for sculptor instructions. Also discussed was a plan to develop a public sculpture garden on parkland adjacent to the educational facilities. Other proposed improvements discussed would consist of parking spaces, landscaping, and a sculpture trail and general revitalization of the Norwood Estates.

E. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Caven Boat Dock at 2806 Scenic Drive. File No. SP-01-0484DS

Board Member Small stated the item was pulled off the agenda.

2. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Toles Boat Dock at 4701 Laguna Lane. File No. SP-01-0401DS

Board Member Small recommended approval of the Toles boat dock. **Board Member Francell** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor 7-0-0.**

3. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Grafft Boat Dock at 10802 River Terrace. File No. SP-01-0445DS

Board Member Small stated the Grafft boat dock requires a variance. Mr. Small informed the board that this is a 3 slip boat dock with a sundeck. The owner is proposing to reduce it to a 2 slip boat dock and remove the sundeck. The requester also brought letters from the neighbors in support of the variance. **Board Member Small** made the motion to recommend approval of the requested variance and construction of the Grafft boat dock. **Board Member Francell** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor 7-0-0.**

4. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Bell Boat Dock at 3002 Scenic Drive. File No. SP-01-0251DS

Board Member Small stated the item was pulled off the agenda.

5. Make a Recommendation Regarding the Construction of Duncan Boat Dock at 3108 Rivercrest Drive. File No. SP-01-0462D

Board Member Small recommended approval of the Duncan boat Dock. **Board Member Pratt** seconded the motion. **The motion passed in favor 7-0-0.**

6. Review and Approve Sub-Committee Goals and Objectives.

Board Member Small submitted the Navigation Subcommittee's Goals to the board to be included in the Annual Report 2002. **Board Member Holder** briefly discussed the Land and Facilities subcommittee goals that were attached to the Board Members' agenda packets. Board Member Pratt reported that she is still reviewing the Program Subcommittee goals. The goals of the subcommittees will be submitted to the City Clerk's office as the Board's work plan.

7. Review and Approve Parks Board Annual Report.

Board members reviewed the report for corrections. **Board Member Small** made a motion to approve the 2001 Annual Report. **Board Member Pratt** seconded the motion. **The motion passed 7-0-0.**

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Olivares invited board members to the Parks and Recreation Department Quarterly meeting at Givens Recreation Center, Friday, December 14, 2001 at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Olivares also informed the board that former Board Member Rocky Medrano had suffered a stroke and was back at home recuperating.

The Trail of Lights had 22,000 visitors at the grand opening night, Sunday, December 9.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee

None

Land and Facilities Committee

Board Member Holder stated the Capital Area Tennis Association proposal for a new tournament tennis center would be discussed at a later committee meeting after PARD Planning staff has a chance to review potential sites for such a center. The Town Lake Park Master plan will be discussed in the committee meeting on January 8th.

Navigation Committee

None

G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

H. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.